

HORSE THIEF GETS PRISON SENTENCE

Motion to Set Verdict Aside Will Be Argued To-day.

CITY'S CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Much-Needed Rain Put End to Protracted Drought.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 109 North Sycamore Street, Petersburg, Va., November 23. The welcome rain to-day ended the protracted drought which has prevailed in this section, and which had become so serious as to threaten general injury. Within the past few days wood fires had broken out in Dinwiddie county, causing considerable damage to timber, and threatening destruction of buildings. In some instances the citizens had to fight hard and long to save their property. One of these fires occurred just south of the city, and it required some hours to get it under control.

Conviction of Dr. Murphy.
Dr. J. E. Murphy, the Angola goat man, was convicted in the Hastings Court last evening of stealing a horse and buggy, valued at \$300, from O. W. Mattox, and the jury fixed his term of imprisonment in the penitentiary at three years. A motion was made by his counsel to set the verdict aside and grant a new trial, which will be argued later. This was the third trial of Dr. Murphy, the two previous juries having disagreed on the question of his guilt. Dr. Murphy pleaded his own case in the first trial and succeeded in having the jury. He is a man of intelligence and pleasing address, and persuasive in his speech. Though he was captured with the team in Fayetteville, N. C., two weeks or more after hiring the horse, he earnestly disclaimed all intention of committing theft, and made the excuse that he was so dazed by prolonged drinking that he became irresponsible and really did not know what he was doing. Dr. Murphy boasted that he owned large "Angora" goats, and wanted to extend the culture of that animal to this section. It is said that he has relatives in Illinois.

The criminal business of this term of the Hastings Court is over. Dr. Murphy being the sixth penitentiary conviction. Later the court will be engaged in the trial of some important civil cases and damage suits, one of which is that of C. M. Ambold against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad for \$50,000 damages for personal injuries.

Petersburg's Church Membership.
From the official records of the white Protestant churches in Petersburg last year, the membership strength is shown as follows: Christian, 145; Presbyterians, 1,823; Episcopians, 1,110; Baptists, 1,823; Methodists, 2,556. Total communicants, 7,499. The total church expenses of all kinds, contributed by these churches were \$65,113.27; for missions and education in America, \$8,675.27; for foreign missions, \$7,123.91; average per capita for foreign missions, 95 cents. These churches through their laymen now pledge an increase for foreign missions for next year to \$12,000, and this amount will beyond doubt be raised.

Personal and Otherwise.
Archibald Thwaitt, a prominent young merchant of this city, left for Berryville, Va., last evening, where he was married to-day to Miss Fannie LaRue Moore, of that town.

Sales of loose tobacco at the warehouses to-day aggregated 125,000 pounds, and wrappers brought a high price of \$26 per hundred pounds. Following the warm rain of to-day, the receipts will be very large.

Next Saturday will be observed as temperance day here. The W. C. T. U. is arranging to have an appropriate piece recited in each Sunday school, and will request the pastors to preach on temperance.

Reports from the various Methodist Sunday schools of the Petersburg Association show the following statistics for the past month: Total registration, 2,107; average attendance, 1,571; percent of attendance, 74; money collected, \$277.24. High Street Church leads all the schools, with a register of 617.

Eugene Massie, of Richmond, member of the Governor's staff, addressed the Episcopal laymen in Grace Church to-night.

R. Randolph Jones was elected an elder in the Tabb Street Presbyterian Church at a congregational meeting on Sunday.

The monument to the Dinwiddie Confederate soldiers has been placed in position at the county courthouse, and will be formally unveiled on Saturday next.

Petersburg's quota of National Red Cross stamps have been received and placed in charge of the managers of the Great Hill Hotel, Lawrence L. Stettin. They will not be put on sale, however, until after Thanksgiving Day.

Miss Annie L. Burnett was married this morning at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Joseph Brinkwater, on West Washington Street, to Lawrence L. Stettin, by the Rev. A. R. Love. Both the bride and bridegroom are from Lunenburg county.

Some difficulty has been met by the board of supervisors of Dinwiddie in promptly disposing of the good roads bonds. Only about \$15,000 of the total of \$102,000 in bonds issued have been disposed of, the reason being an alleged defect in the State law in regard to the issue of district good roads bonds.

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TWO BURIED UNDER LOAD OF TOBACCO

Wagon Turns Over and Father and Son Smothered to Death.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, Va., November 23.—J. P. Scott, a farmer who lived near Lawyer's, Campbell county, and his son, who was ten or twelve years of age, were killed early this morning by the wagonload of tobacco, which they were bringing to the city, turning over upon them. There seems to be no doubt but the boy was smothered to death, while the father may have been too badly stunned by a blow in the face to be able to extricate himself or save his body, and he also smothered.

The accident happened sometime this morning after the rain began and before daylight, for the bodies were found shortly before 7 o'clock by a colored man who was passing along the road.

Dr. J. Wyatt Davis, the county coroner, was notified of the trouble about 8:30 o'clock, and he immediately went to the scene. An examination of the bodies showed that they had not been dead more than four hours, it quite that long.

Dr. Davis then had County Officer L. H. Brown summon a jury of inquest, and a verdict of accidental death was rendered after hearing the evidence of two witnesses. The jury was composed of the following citizens: J. W. Dodd, C. R. Pugh, J. T. Moyer, Leslie Thom, C. C. Traylor and H. Ford.

From what could be learned about the accident it seems that Mr. Scott got an early start from his home, hoping thereby to get his tobacco on the first break this morning. It is thought the wagon passed the Quaker Church between 4 and 5 o'clock. About 200 yards east of the church the right wheels ran over an embankment, and the wagon, together with its occupants and load, was precipitated into the bank, which was six or eight feet high at that point, the wagon turning turtle completely. In some unaccounted-for manner the team, which was composed of a horse and a mule, got free from the wagon and this morning about 7 o'clock they were found browsing along the road a mile east of the scene of the trouble.

NEGRO ATTACKS WOMAN.

Hand to Hand Struggle Ensues, and Assaultant Is Later Arrested.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ALEXANDRIA, Va., November 23.—Mrs. James Lee, living at 306 North Fayette Street, while opposite her home early last evening, was knocked down and beaten by a negro. She engaged in a hand to hand struggle with her assailant, and during the progress of the scuffle, lasting several minutes, both fell to the ground. Then the negro attempted to choke her; she gave an outcry and he decamped.

Following the occurrence, Benjamin Thomas, colored, twenty-three years old, was taken in custody, and on the blotter at police headquarters the charge of drunken and disorderly conduct is entered opposite his name. Nothing was known of the case until this morning, when it was called for trial.

Policeman Sampson told of having arrested Thomas following and investigation of the case. A negro named Ned Ward, about sixty years old, testified that Thomas was the man who attacked Mrs. Lee, and he claimed to have witnessed it.

Thomas stoutly maintained his innocence of any wrongdoing, adding

that he had been drinking last night. He subsequently stated that he did not even know the negro who testified against him. He was very emphatic that it was a case of mistaken identity.

Owing to the absence of Mrs. Lee, the case against the negro went over, and he was remanded to jail.

Mrs. Lee was unable to appear in court this morning. As a result of her encounter with the negro she had an arm bruised and also received a number of scratches. Other than the above, the injuries she sustained were not serious.

Owing to Mrs. Lee's illness it will probably be a week or more before she is able to appear for the purpose of identifying Thomas.

Portrait Presented to State Library.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
RALEIGH, N. C., November 23.—A fine painting of the late Judge R. F. Armfield has been presented to the State Library to be given a place on the walls of the reading-room along with the portraits of hundreds of other prominent citizens hanging there. It came from Charles Armfield, son of Judge Armfield, who served as Superior Court Judge, as member of Congress and as Lieutenant-Governor.

Examination of Pharmacy Students.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
RALEIGH, N. C., November 23.—Secretary F. W. Hancock and E. N. Zoeller, C. W. Hume, L. W. Rose and C. R. Miller, of the State Board of Pharmacy, are here to-day examining applicants for licenses as registered pharmacists. The examinations are in the executive hall, and there are forty-two in the class, young men from every section of the State.

Farm Dwelling Burned.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ROCKY MOUNT, Va., November 23.—The farm residence of Mrs. J. R. Cooper, near Fatta, about ten miles southeast of Rocky Mount, together with its contents, was destroyed by fire last Saturday night, entailing a loss of about \$2,000, with no insurance.

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ALTHOUGH DEPOSED SHE REMAINS LOYAL

Mrs. Stetson Reiterates Faith in Christian Science and Mary Baker Eddy.

NEW YORK, November 23.—Although excommunicated by the mother church in Boston and dropped from the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of this city, at her own request, Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, the first reader who was deposed because of "mental malpractice," is still loyal to the faith and to Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy. In a letter to the board of trustees of the mother church, made public in New York to-night, she says among other things:

"I have received your favor of the eighteenth instant, advising me that my name has been dropped from the roll of membership of the mother church. I note with due appreciation the hope expressed in the concluding words, that your future course of action may show your desire to again become eligible for membership in this church."

"I assure you that I shall not neglect any opportunity to draw nearer to God, and to follow my leader, Mary Baker Eddy, more closely. I wish for each member of the board of directors a continued increase of fidelity and fruitful service to our beloved leader, and to the cause of Christian Science, of which she is the discoverer, founder and perpetual head."

Saloonkeeper Kills Himself.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHARLESTON, W. Va., November 23.—Dependent over the fact that the city had gone "dry" and he was facing financial difficulties, Henry Hauck, aged thirty-eight years and for many years in the saloon business here, committed suicide early to-day by shooting himself in the head. His body was found in the kitchen by his wife, who remains will be taken to Pomeroy, O., from whence he came seventeen years ago.

Violate Pure Food Law
Peachless "Peach Brandy" and Cottonseed "Olive Oil" Are Sold.
SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., November 23.—Three wholesale concerns to-day pleaded guilty in the United States

District Court to violations of the pure food law. One company confessed to having shipped liquor labeled "Apricot Brandy," but no apricots had been used in its manufacture. A second court charged the company with having shipped peachless "peach brandy." Another firm admitted having shipped "olive oil" which contained 45 per cent. cottonseed oil. The third concern sent impure syrup.

Candy Dealer Makes Assignment.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ROANOKE, Va., November 23.—H. C. French, a candy dealer, made an assignment to-day for the benefit of his creditors. The liabilities are \$2,500. Assets not given.

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